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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lee and Esquela Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/361,655 Examiner: P. Mertz
Filed: July 27, 1999
Title: METHODS OF DETECTING LIVER CELLS EXPRESSING
GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-12

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002 (Paper No. 15), reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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